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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON DUTCH FIRM'S  
EFFORTS TO ASSIST IRANIAN UAV DEVELOPMENT

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Classified By: CDA Michael Gallagher, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (S) Polmiloff discussed reftel O with MFA Senior Advisor for Nuclear Affairs and Nonproliferation Ceta Noland on April 2, stressing the past involvement of Aviation Services International (ASI) with the Ghoods Aviation Center (reftels A-K), and ASI's referral to Inter Connection Technologies (InCo Tech) to ship connectors used in aviation applications to Iran (reftels L-N). Noland appreciated the additional points, but noted that the assessment by Dutch authorities indicated the connectors were not/not high-density military grade.

[1](#)2. (S) Noland said Dutch customs authorities had pulled the connectors out of the crates, and that Dutch authorities had determined the connectors could not be used for UAV purposes. She added that the GONL has placed red flags on any shipment associated with ASI, InCo Tech, or Iran's Ghoods Aviation Center -- if there is an even remote chance that a shipment could be used for UAV purposes, then the Dutch will issue a catch-all, Noland explained. But in this instance, she added, the Dutch were reasonably confident that the connectors could not be used for UAV purposes.

[1](#)3. (S) While she has not yet received a confirmation, Noland strongly suspected that the shipment had gone forward. She said she would pass these additional points to the relevant Dutch intelligence authorities, but suggested we share our information indicating the connectors are high-density military grade with the Dutch through the appropriate intelligence channels.

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[1](#)4. (S) Embassy country team agrees that release of any information regarding the high-density military grade connectors through the appropriate intelligence channels would be useful in making our case with the Dutch. End

comment.  
Gallagher